

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method comprising:
when a person tunes a television to a given station, a video server responsively sending a Short Message Service (SMS) message to a designated destination, indicating what station is being watched.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the video server comprises a host device serving the television.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the host device comprises a cable-TV receiver.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the host device comprises a satellite-TV receiver.
5. The method of claim 2, wherein the person tunes the television by tuning the host device.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein sending an SMS message to a designated destination comprises sending the SMS message to a parent of the person.
7. A method comprising:
detecting that a person has tuned a television to a given station;
responsively sending an informational message that indicates what station is being watched.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the informational message comprises a Short Messaging Service (SMS) message.
9. The method of claim 7, wherein sending the informational message comprises a video server sending the informational message.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the video server comprises a host device serving the television.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the host device comprises a cable-TV receiver.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the host device comprises a satellite-TV receiver.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the person tunes the television by tuning the host device.

14. The method of claim 5, wherein sending an informational message comprises sending the informational message to a parent of the person.